(d) what is the decision of the Cabinet Committee on economic affairs on the project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (d) A letter of intent was issued on 16-3-89 to M/s. Linde Aktiengeselschaft for the setting up of a naphtha cracker in Madras under the 100 per cent export oriented scheme for the manufacture of 4,50,000 tpa of ethylene, 2,25,000 tpa of propylene etc. This letter of intent is subject to a number of conditions including the following:

"The letter of intent shall be valid for one year within which period you shall submit feasibility report. The viability of the project shall be established including tying up of specific export markets to the satisfaction of the Government, within one year of the issue of this letter of intent."

Increasing the pesticide production

1601. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to meet the growing demands for the pesticides by the Indian farmers;

(b) what are the problems which impede the production and development of pesticides in the country; and

(c) what Research and Development efforts are being made to indigenize the manufacture of pesticides fully?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Steps taken to meet the growing demand of pesticides include approvals for creation of fresh capacities and expansion of existing capacities in technical grade pesticides. Imports are being allowed where indigenous production falls short of the requirement or where the pesticides are not manufactured in the country.

(b) Problems are mainly seasonal shortages of certain raw materials and solvents, specially in a good monsoon year, and lengthy process of registration of new pesticides.

(c) Apart from in-house research and development efforts by the manufacturing units, National Laboratories like Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and National Chemical Laboratory, Pune are constantly engaged in developing the technologies for indigenising the manufacture of pesticides.

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1 02. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1987-1988 और 1989 के दौरान अब तक दूरसंचार सलाहकार समिति, इलाहाबाद की हुई बैठकों की विभिन्न तिथियां क्या हैं;

(ख) इन बैठकों में क्या-क्या निर्णय लिए गए; और

(ग) इन निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।